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In response to the Office communication dated September 9, 2004, we have attached a copy of the amendment as it was filed on July 15, 2004, complete with underlining and strikethrough and/or bracketing, along with the stamp-dated postcard. The changes to the claims were minimal and perhaps easily overlooked by the Examiner, but were presented in the proper form.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims.

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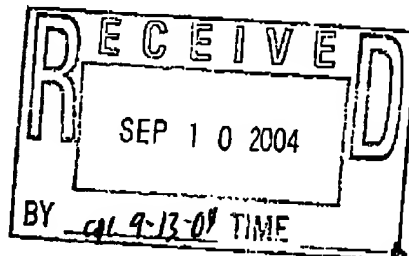
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The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on July 15, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because it does not have proper underlining, strikethrough or bracketing of inserted and/or deleted words from the examiner's amendment mailed on 1/23/04. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.

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